

Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson

DATE: November 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

IN ATTENDANCE: Leon Davidoff, Clare Kindall, Denise Hall, Chris Barnes, Harry Captain, Shari Cantor, Ron Van Winkle, John Phillips, Mark McGovern, Pat Alair

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Monday, November 17, 2014, at 6:30 pm, in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Trout Brook Watershed
A plan developed by the State DEEP for the Troutbrook watershed was handed out and discussed relative to its impact on Trout Brook Drive flooding and development in the area.
2. Storm water MS4 permit costs
The proposed changes to the MS4 permit for municipal storm water systems from DEEP is estimated to cost the town approximately \$600,000 annually and an additional \$600,000 for the purchase of capital equipment. Hearings on these permit changes are ongoing and the town has been an active participant along with CCM.
3. Farmers' Market Ordinance
The Committee discussed an ordinance to permit short term charitable and farmer's market uses of commercial and industrial sites as an accessory use. The types of uses are common in West Hartford and this ordinance clarifies their permitted use.
4. Dog Park process
The Committee discussed the process that will be followed for the consideration of including a dog park at the Cornerstone Pool site.
5. Pine Road storm sewer
The Committee discussed a correction to the storm sewer on North Quaker and Pine to permit the town to install a yard drainage system for certain houses that were adversely affected by a recent development.
6. MDC Hillcrest site
The Metropolitan District Commission has requested that the town convey a portion or all of a site on the corner of New Britain Avenue and Hillcrest Avenue for a small building for their

underground storage system. The administration is working with them to evaluate the best proposal for the town.

7. Resolution for expansion of CRCOG towns

The regional planning agencies have consolidated across the State. The towns of Berlin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, New Britain, Plainville, Southington, Stafford and Willington have voted to join the CRCOG. To complete this process the towns representing 75% of the population of the existing district must accept this change. The administration recommends the Council approves this resolution.

8. Public Works activity – Pay- as- you- throw

John Phillips discussed a change that is gaining acceptance across the nation and in New England. That concept would charge individual homeowners based upon how much municipal refuse they throw out. The concept is intended to spur the effort to recycle more of the waste stream by increasing the cost to individuals for the products they put into garbage disposal. While we do not expect this change to come to West Hartford in the near term it is likely to be part of our program to deal with refuse in future years.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors